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# Basin Outlook Reports

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### *How forecasts are made*

Most of the annual streamflow in the Western United States originates as snowfall that has accumulated high in the mountains during winter and early spring. As the snowpack accumulates, hydrologists estimate the runoff that will occur when it melts. Predictions are based on careful measurements of snow water equivalent at selected index points. Precipitation, temperature, soil moisture and antecedent streamflow data are combined with snowpack data to prepare runoff forecasts. Streamflow forecasts are coordinated by Soil Conservation Service and National Weather Service hydrologists. This report presents a comprehensive picture of water supply conditions for areas dependent upon surface runoff. It includes selected streamflow forecasts, summarized snowpack and precipitation data, reservoir storage data, and narratives describing current conditions.

Snowpack data are obtained by using a combination of manual and automated SNOTEL measurement methods. Manual readings of snow depth and water equivalent are taken at locations called snow courses on a monthly or semi-monthly schedule during the winter. In addition, snow water equivalent, precipitation and temperature are monitored on a daily basis and transmitted via meteor burst telemetry to central data collection facilities. Both monthly and daily data are used to project snowmelt runoff.

Forecast uncertainty originates from two sources: (1) uncertainty of future hydrologic and climatic conditions, and (2) error in the forecasting procedure. To express the uncertainty in the most probable forecast, four additional forecasts are provided. The actual streamflow can be expected to exceed the most probable forecast 50% of the time. Similarly, the actual streamflow volume can be expected to exceed the 90% forecast volume 90% of the time. The same is true for the 70%, 30%, and 10% forecasts. Generally, the 90% and 70% forecasts reflect drier than normal hydrologic and climatic conditions; the 30% and 10% forecasts reflect wetter than normal conditions. As the forecast season progresses, a greater portion of the future hydrologic and climatic uncertainty will become known and the additional forecasts will move closer to the most probable forecast.

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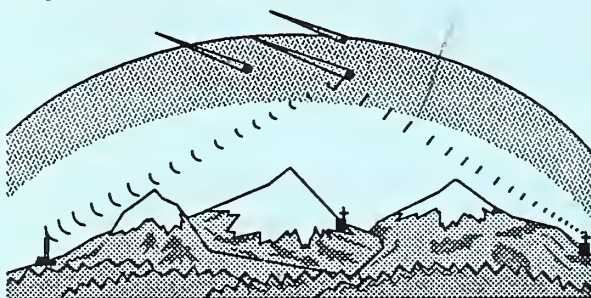
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## WASHINGTON WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

APRIL 1992

### GENERAL OUTLOOK:

WASHINGTON Water Supply Outlook Report as of April 1, 1992: March weather dealt the snowpack a double blow, with above normal temperatures and below normal precipitation. Temperatures varied from five degrees above in the Seattle area to nine degrees above in the Okanogan Basin. Low elevation snowpack is gone, with snow remaining only above the 3500 foot elevation. The snowpack varies from 3% in the Elwah River Basin to 98% in the Chelan Basin. Washington's SNOTEL sites were averaging 62% of normal snowpack on April 1 (by April 8, it was 57%), down from 80% a month ago. March precipitation was 37% of normal state wide and varied from 20% of average in the Olympic Basin to 49% in the Yakima Basin. Year-to-date precipitation varies from 71% in the Okanogan to 99% in the Walla Walla Basin. Forecasts for 1992 runoff vary from 88% of average for the Entiat River to 46% for the Mill Creek in the Walla Walla Basin. March streamflows varied from 49% of normal on the Walla Walla River near Milton Freewater, Oregon, to 129% on the Chelan River. April 1 reservoir storage is generally good, with reservoirs in the Yakima Basin at 110% of average and 77% of capacity.

### SNOWPACK:

Warm dry weather set in over Washington during March, causing a deterioration in the mountain snowpack. SNOTEL sites in Washington have a snowpack 62% of average for April 1, statewide. Maximum snow cover, with a snow depth of 130 inches and a water content of 65 inches is at Jasper Pass on Mount Baker. This site would normally have 86.0 inches of water content on April 1. Snowpack varies over the state from 98% of normal in the Chelan Basin to 3% in the Elwah River in the Olympic Basin. Snowpack along the west slopes of the Cascade Mountains includes the Green River with 27%, the Lewis River 17% and the Skagit 74%. Snowpack in the Okanogan is at 62% down from 87% last month, and the Yakima is at 55% of normal.

### PRECIPITATION:

March precipitation from National Weather Service stations was 37% of average state wide. The year-to-date precipitation state wide is 80% it varied from 99% of normal in the Walla Walla Basin to 71% in the Okanogan Basin. March precipitation varied from 49% of average in the Yakima Basin, to 20% in the Olympic Basin. SNOTEL sites in Washington showed high elevation year-to-date precipitation values to be 83%, down from 93% a month ago. Maximum year-to-date precipitation was at the June Lake SNOTEL site near Mt. St. Helens, with 93.4 inches since October 1, 1991. Normal for this site would be 118.2 inches.

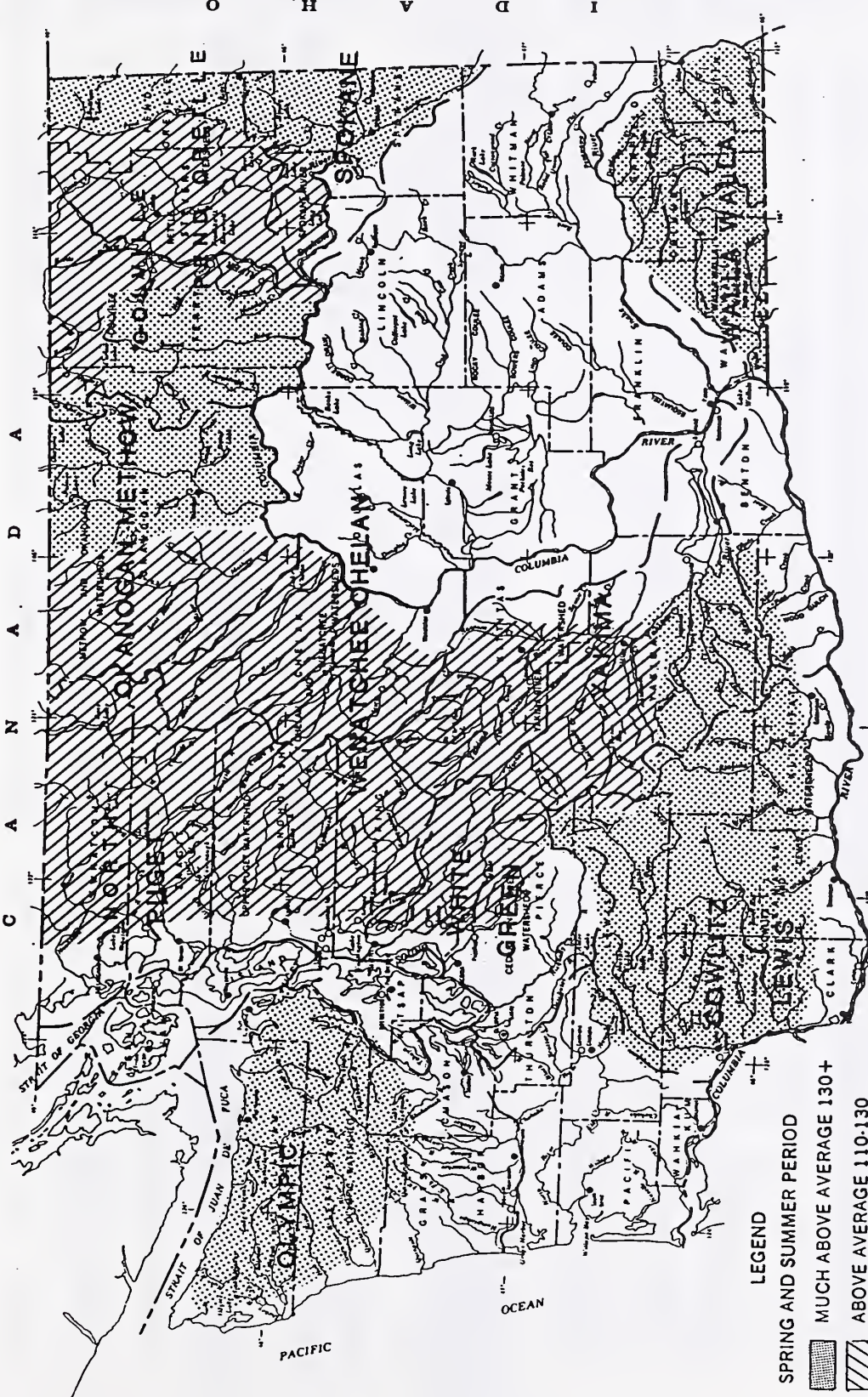
## **RESERVOIR:**

Reservoir storage in Washington is generally good for April 1. Reservoir storage in the Yakima Basin was 816,400 acre feet, 110% of normal. Storage at other reservoirs include Roosevelt at 240% of average. Water is being held back for salmon flushing later in the year. The Okanogan reservoirs are at 113% of April 1 normal. The power generation reservoirs contain the following: Coeur d'Alene Lake, 168,700 acre feet, or 72% of normal; Chelan Lake, 158,000 acre feet, 74% of average and 23% of capacity, and Ross Lake at 745,700 acre feet and 250% of average, and 53% of capacity.

## **STREAMFLOW:**

Forecasts for summer streamflow are for below to much below average and vary from 88% of average for Entiat River to 46% of normal for Mill Creek in the Walla Walla River Basin. March forecasts for some west side streams include: Cedar River, 65% down from 73% last month; Skagit River, 86%; and the Dungeness River, 63%. Some east side streams include the Yakima River at Parker, 70% down from 80% last month; the Okanogan River at Tonasket, 61 down from 78%; and the Colville River, 71%. March streamflows varied throughout Washington, with above normal flows in the north half of the state and below normal in the southern part. The highest in the state, the Similkameen River was at 202%. The Columbia River, at Birchbank was at 126% and at The Dalles, it was 83%. Other streamflows were the following percent of normal: the Okanogan River, 131%; the Walla Walla River, which at 39% was the lowest in the state; the Spokane River, 78%; the Yakima at the Parker, 120%; the Wenatchee River at 164% and the Methow with 176%. The Cowlitz River was 65%.





LEGEND

SPRING AND SUMMER PERIOD

MUCH ABOVE AVERAGE 130+

ABOVE AVERAGE 110-130

NEAR AVERAGE 90-110

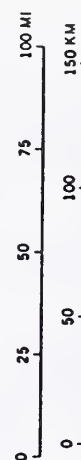
BELOW AVERAGE 70-90

MUCH BELOW AVERAGE 70+ LESS

NOT FORECAST

WATERSHED BOUNDARY

APRIL 1, 1992  
STREAMFLOW PROSPECTS  
WASHINGTON



SOURCE: Data compiled by SCS  
Field Personnel

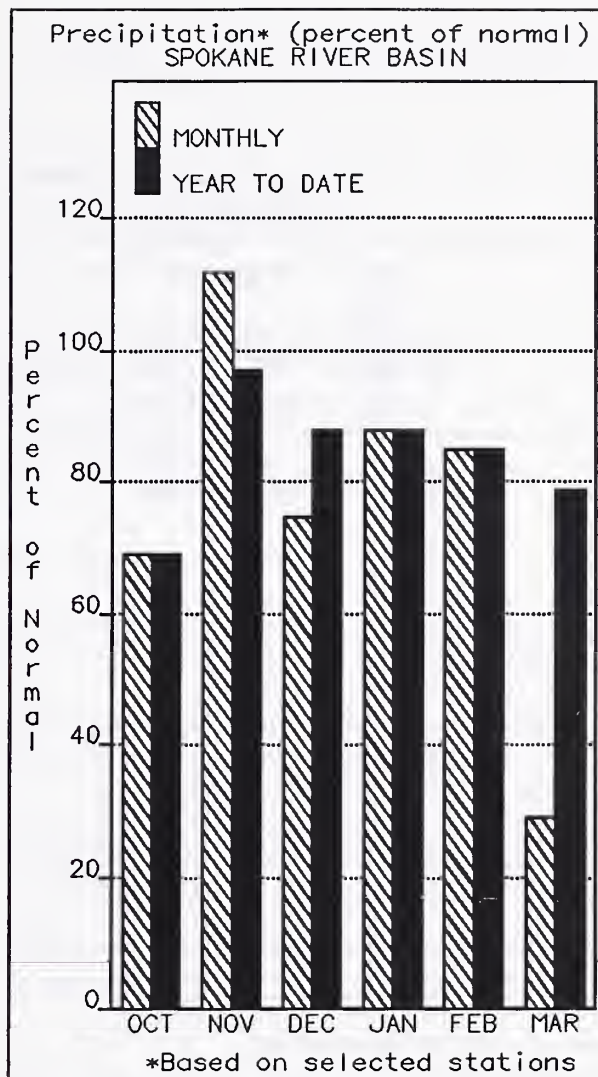
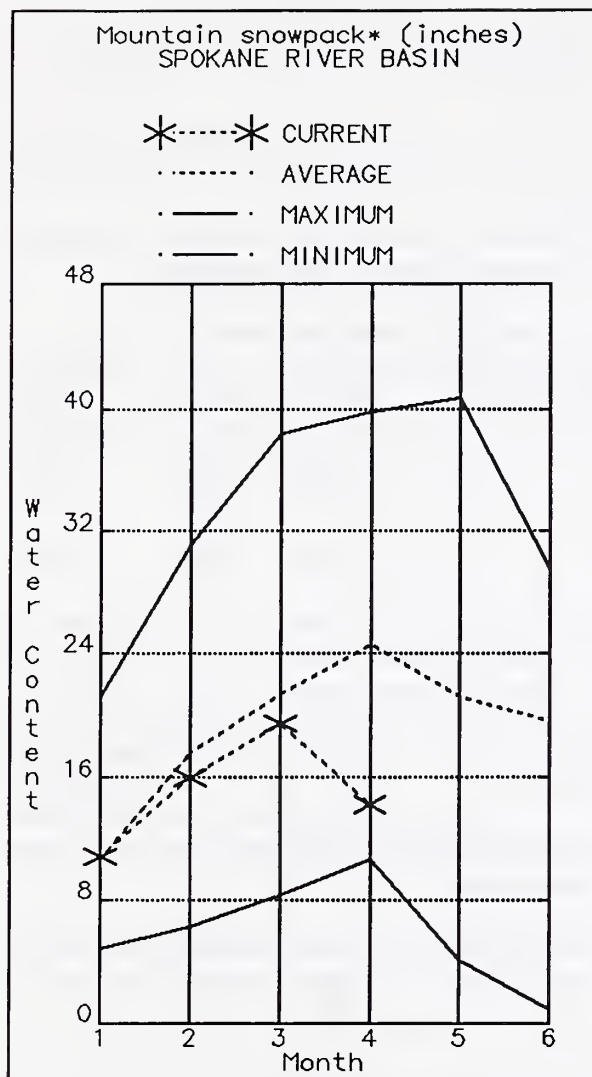


BASIN SUMMARY OF  
SNOW COURSE DATA

APRIL 1992

SNOW COURSE	ELEVATION	DATE	SNOW DEPTH	WATER CONTENT	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 1961-90	SNOW COURSE	ELEVATION	DATE	SNOW DEPTH	WATER CONTENT	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 1961-90
PEND OREILLE RIVER							STENHILT CREEK						
BENTON MEADOW	2370	3/27/92	0	.0	3.8	3.8	STENHILT SLIDE	5000	3/27/92	16	7.2	9.8	12.8
BENTON SPRING	4920	3/27/92	19	8.0	15.8	18.6	UPPER WHEELER	4400	3/27/92	0	.0	4.6	7.8
BOYER MOUNTAIN	5250	3/24/92	43	16.6	19.4	25.7	UPPER WHEELER PILLW	4400	4/01/92	—	10.15	10.8	13.6
BUNCHGRASS MEADOWS	5000	3/23/92	58	21.9	34.0	29.5	COLOCKUM CREEK						
BUNCHGRASS MDP PILLW	5000	4/01/92	—	23.0	30.3	28.0	TROUGH #2 PILLW	5310	4/01/92	—	4.35	4.9	9.7
HEART LAKE TRAIL	4800	3/31/92	24	9.6	20.4	21.6	YAKIMA RIVER						
HOODOO BASIN	6050	3/31/92	87	34.8	51.9	51.0	ANTANUM R.S.	3100	3/31/92	0	.0	1.9	5.3
HOODOO CREEK	5900	3/31/92	87	34.9	44.8	46.3	BLEWETT PASS #2	4270	3/30/92	6	2.8	7.7	15.1
LOOKOUT (d)	5140	4/01/92	—	24.0E	29.0	33.7	BLEWETT PASS#2PILLW	4270	4/01/92	—	6.45	12.2	17.8
NELSON	3100	3/31/92	23	9.9	12.6	15.5	BUMPING LAKE	3450	3/30/92	1	.5	8.6	14.2
KETTLE RIVER							BUMPING LAKE (NEW)	3400	3/30/92	2	1.0	11.4	18.3
BARNES CREEK	CAN.	3/26/92	43	19.2	25.4	20.6	BUMPING RIDGE PILLW	4600	4/01/92	—	15.65	19.5	21.2
BIG WHITE MTN	CAN.	3/29/92	38	14.8	20.5	19.4	CAYUSE PASS	5300	4/01/92	—	35.4E	79.4	82.4
BUTTE CREEK		3/26/92	8	2.6	8.5	9.0	COLOCKUM PASS	5370	3/26/92	23	9.1	10.4	16.5
CARMI	CAN.	3/29/92	2	.6	7.3	6.4	CORRAL PASS PILLW	6000	4/01/92	—	28.55	33.5	32.6
GOAT CREEK		3/26/92	0	.0	2.9	4.3	FISH LAKE	3370	3/31/92	28	13.1	26.8	31.4
MONASHEE PASS	CAN.	3/26/92	26	11.3	16.2	14.0	FISH LAKE PILLW	3370	4/01/92	—	14.85	28.3	31.9
SURGIT G.S.		3/26/92	3	.9	8.5	8.1	GREEN LAKE	6000	3/31/92	—	26.4E	24.3	33.9
TRAPPING CK LOW	CAN.	3/30/92	0	.0	4.8	3.5	GREEN LAKE PILLW	6000	4/01/92	—	16.05	17.8	20.7
TRAPPING CK UP	CAN.	3/29/92	3	1.0	9.9	9.8	GROUSE CAMP PILLW	5380	4/01/92	—	13.25	12.6	19.8
COLVILLE RIVER							LAKE CLE KLUM	2200	3/30/92	0	.0	.0	4.3
STRANGER MOUNTAIN	4230	3/25/92	—	3.7E	8.9	12.2	MORSE LAKE PILLW	5400	4/01/92	—	40.65	53.1	47.2
SPOKANE RIVER							OLALLIE MDS PILLW	3960	4/01/92	—	26.55	46.2	53.5
FOURTH OF JULY SUM	3200	3/25/92	0	.0	5.0	6.8	OLALLIE MEADOWS	3630	3/28/92	0	.0	23.6	44.8
LOOKOUT (d)	5140	4/01/92	—	24.0E	29.0	33.7	SASSE RIDGE PILLW	4200	4/01/92	—	23.65	25.0	32.1
LOST LAKE	6110	4/01/92	94	42.1	66.1	57.0	STAMPEDE PASS PILLW	3860	4/01/92	—	26.1E	35.9	44.4
MOSQUITO RIDGE	5200	3/31/92	61	27.4	37.4	37.1	TUMBLE AVENUE	2450	3/30/92	0	.0	12.5	20.8
MOSQUITO PILLW	5200	4/01/92	—	29.2	36.2	37.3	WHITE PASS ES PILLW	4500	4/01/92	—	11.7E	17.9	22.9
SHERWIN (d)	3200	4/01/92	—	.0E	8.4	11.7	ANTANUM CREEK						
SUNSET	5540	3/31/92	52	23.1	34.7	31.8	ANTANUM R.S.	3100	3/31/92	0	.0	1.9	5.3
SUNSET PILLW	5540	4/01/92	—	26.0	37.3	37.6	GREEN LAKE	6000	3/31/92	—	26.4E	24.3	33.9
NEWMAN LAKE							GREEN LAKE PILLW	6000	4/01/92	—	16.05	17.8	20.7
QUARTZ PEAK PILLW	4700	4/01/92	—	10.1	17.8	21.9	MILL CREEK						
RAGGED RIDGE	3330	4/01/92	0	.0	—	3.5	HIGH RIDGE PILLW	4980	4/01/92	—	.05	13.5	24.4
OKANOGAN RIVER							TOOCHET #2 PILLW	5530	4/01/92	—	16.9	23.5	31.9
BRENDA MINE	CAN.	3/31/92	19	7.8	11.5	13.0	LEWIS COWLITZ RIVERS						
BROOKHERR	CAN.	3/28/92	15	3.5	8.5	8.6	CAYUSE PASS	5300	4/01/92	—	35.4E	79.4	82.4
ENDERBY	CAN.	3/29/92	83	29.5	43.6	38.6	JUNE LAKE PILLW	3200	4/01/92	—	.05	17.1	36.3
ESPERON CK. UP	CAN.	3/29/92	34	12.5	17.4	18.7	LONG PINE PILLW	3800	4/01/92	—	5.3E	19.6	32.1
ESPERON CK. MID	CAN.	3/29/92	29	10.3	14.9	15.5	PARADISE PARK PILLW	5500	4/01/92	—	53.7E	68.4	62.1
ESPERON CK. LO	CAN.	3/29/92	19	6.4	10.8	12.0	PICATAIL PEAK PILLW	5900	4/01/92	—	41.85	58.9	49.3
FREEZEOUT CK. TRAIL	3500	3/27/92	4	1.4	15.5	11.5	POTATO HILL PILLW	4500	4/01/92	—	7.2E	19.2	25.3
GREYBACK RES	CAN.	3/30/92	16	5.7	11.4	9.1	SHEEP CANYON PILLW	4050	4/01/92	—	.05	29.0	39.8
HAMILTON HILL	CAN.	3/30/92	16	6.5	18.1	15.1	SPENCER MOW PILLW	3400	4/01/92	—	.05	13.3	29.6
HARTS PASS		3/26/92	82	34.4	54.4	42.6	SPIRIT LAKE PILLW	3100	4/01/92	—	.05	1.5	3.6
HARTS PASS PILLW	6500	4/01/92	—	39.95	70.4	41.3	SURPRISE LKS PILLW	4250	4/01/92	—	18.6E	32.3	44.2
ISDINTOK LAKE	CAN.	3/26/92	8	2.6	11.1	7.6	WHITE PASS ES PILLW	4500	4/01/92	—	11.7E	17.9	22.9
LIGHTNING LAKE	CAN.	3/30/92	21	7.8	16.2	12.7	WHITE RIVER						
LOST MORSE MTN	CAN.	3/31/92	23	6.6	17.3	9.5	CAYUSE PASS	5300	4/01/92	—	35.4E	79.4	82.4
MCCULLOCH	CAN.	3/30/92	4	1.5	9.0	6.7	CORRAL PASS PILLW	6000	4/01/92	—	28.55	33.5	32.6
MISSEZULA MTN	CAN.	3/30/92	12	4.1	12.5	9.4	MORSE LAKE PILLW	5400	4/01/92	—	40.65	53.1	47.2
MONASHEE PASS	CAN.	3/26/92	26	11.3	16.2	14.0	GREEN RIVER						
MT. KOBAU	CAN.	3/28/92	32	9.8	9.6	12.9	COUGAR MTN. PILLW	3200	4/01/92	—	.05	16.1	18.8
MUTTON CREEK #1		3/26/92	21	7.8	9.3	13.2	GRASS MOUNTAIN #2	2900	3/28/92	0	.0	2.0	15.9
OYAMA LAKE	CAN.	3/26/92	9	2.4	8.1	7.0	LESTER CREEK	3100	3/28/92	8	3.4	18.6	23.3
RUSTY CREEK		3/26/92	0	.0	2.4	5.9	LYNN LAKE	4000	3/28/92	4	2.0	26.5	22.0
SALMON MDS PILLW	4500	4/01/92	—	5.15	6.0	9.4	SAWHILL RIDGE	4700	3/28/92	22	9.0	29.2	36.3
SILVER STAR MTN	CAN.	3/28/92	59	23.0	30.3	29.2	STAMPEDE PASS PILLW	3860	4/01/92	—	26.1E	35.9	44.4
SUNGERLAND RES	CAN.	3/26/92	11	3.8	9.4	9.5	TWIN CAMP	4100	3/28/92	23	8.8	23.3	25.1
SUNDAY SURGIT	CAN.	3/30/92	0	.0	7.8	4.7	CEDAR RIVER						
TROUT CREEK	CAN.	3/28/92	11	2.0	9.5	7.2	CITY CABIN	2390	3/30/92	0	.0	4.1	13.6
VASEUX CREEK	CAN.	3/31/92	11	4.1	7.9	6.6	MT. GARDNER	3300	3/30/92	0	.0	6.7	14.1
METHOW RIVER							SNOQUALMIE RIVER						
HARTS PASS	6500	3/26/92	82	34.4	54.4	42.6	ALPINE MEADOWS	3500	3/30/92	13	6.1	40.9	43.7
HARTS PASS PILLW	6500	4/01/92	—	39.95	70.4	41.3	OLALLIE MDS PILLW	3960	4/01/92	—	26.55	46.2	53.5
MUTTON CREEK #1	5700	3/26/92	21	7.8	9.3	13.2	OLALLIE MEADOWS	3630	3/28/92	0	.0	23.6	44.8
RUSTY CREEK	4000	3/26/92	0	.0	2.4	5.9	SKYHOLSH RIVER						
SALMON MDS PILLW	4500	4/01/92	—	5.15	6.0	9.4	STAMPEDE PASS PILLW	3860	4/01/92	—	26.1E	35.9	44.4
CHELAN LAKE BASIN							STEVENS PASS PILLW	4070	4/01/92	—	22.85	44.0	42.3
CLOUDY PASS	AM	3/25/92	74	35.5	66.0	42.1	STEVENS PASS SAND SD	3700	3/31/92	33	14.7	28.4	33.7
LYMAN LAKE	5900	3/25/92	104	48.1	75.7	58.7	SKAGIT RIVER						
LYMAN LAKE PILLW	5900	4/01/92	—	57.35	84.1	56.9	BEAVER CREEK TRAIL	2200	3/26/92	0	.0	9.4	11.6
LITTLE MDS	AM	3/25/92	76	36.5	59.5	44.0	BEAVER PASS	3680	3/27/92	33	13.8	25.3	29.7
MINERS RIDGE PILLW	6200	4/01/92	—	43.05	71.6	—	BROWN TOP	AM	3/26/92	100	44.2	84.3	59.6
PARK CREEK RIDGE	4600	3/25/92	74	34.1	54.3	43.1	CLOUDY PASS	AM	3/25/92	74	35.5	66.0	42.1
PARK CK RIDGE PILLW	4600	4/01/92	—	41.95	60.6	41.6	DEVILS PARK	5900	3/26/92	82	34.6	65.9	42.9
RAINY PASS	4780	3/26/92	87	38.6	47.2	39.3	FREEZEOUT CK. TRAIL	3500	3/27/92	4	1.4	15.5	11.5
RAINY PASS PILLW	4780	4/01/92	—	40.45	61.0	38.0	HARTS PASS	6500	3/26/92	82	34.4	54.4	42.6
ENTIAI RIVER							HARTS PASS PILLW	6500	4/01/92	—	39.95	70.4	41.3
BRIEF	1600	3/27/92	0	.0	.0	2.5	KLESILKA	CAN.	3/30/92	0	.0	14.6	12.4
POPE RIDGE PILLW	3540	4/01/92	—	10.85	13.3	15.7	LIGHTNING LAKE	CAN.	3/30/92	21	7.8	16.2	12.7
WENATCHEE RIVER							LYMAN LAKE	5900	3/25/92	104	48.1	75.7	58.7
BERNE-MILL CREEK (d)	3170	3/31/92	35	14.8	23.8	27.2	LYMAN LAKE PILLW	5900	4/01/92	—	57.35	84.1	56.9
BLEWETT PASS #2	4270	3/30/92	6	2.8	7.7	15.1	MEADOWS CABIN	1900	3/26/92	0	.0	4.3	4.8
BLEWETT PASS#2PILLW	4270	4/01/92	—	6.45	12.2	17.8	NEW HOZOMEEN LAKE	2800	3/26/92	0	.0	12.3	10.4
CHINAMUM G.S.	2500	3/31/92	0	.0	7.1	8.9	RAINY PASS	4780	3/26/92	87	38.6	47.2	39.3
FISH LAKE PILLW	3370	4/01/92	—	14.85	28.3	31.9	RAINY PASS PILLW	4780	4/01/92	—	40.45	61.0	38.0
LYMAN LAKE	5900	3/25/92	104	48.1	75.7	58.7	THUNDER BASIN	4200	3/26/92	40	16.2	21.2	21.7
LYMAN LAKE PILLW	5900	4/01/92	—	57.35	84.1	56.9	BAKER RIVER						
MERRITT	2140	3/31/92	0	.0	9.6	12.8	DOCK BUTTE	AM	3/25/92	68	3.5	54.0	65.4
MISSION RIDGE	5000	3/27/92	28	11.1	12.1	16.5	EASY PASS	AM	3/25/92	124	64.0	96.0	82.9
STEVENS PASS PILLW	4070	4/01/92	—	22.85	44.0	42.3	JASPER PASS	AM	3/25/92	130	65.0	94.0	86.0
STEVENS PASS SAND SD	3700	3/31/92	33	14.7	28.4	33.7	MARTEN LAKE	AM	3/25/92	90	4.7	76.0	73.4
TROUGH #2 PILLW	5310	4/01/92	—	4.35	4.9	9.7	MT. BLUM	AM	3/25/92	103	49.0	84.0	63.1
UPPER WHEELER	4400	3/27/92	0	.0	4.6	7.8	ROCKY CREEK	AM	3/25/92	0	.0	27.0	27.8
UPPER WHEELER PILLW	4400	4/01/92	—	10.15	10.8	13.6	SCHREIBERS MOW	AM	3/25/92	60	32.0	49.0	58.8





## SPOKANE RIVER BASIN



April 1, 1992: The April 1 forecasts for summer runoff within the Spokane River Basin are 56% of normal, down from 73% for last month. The forecast is based on a snowpack that is 58% of average and a water year-to-date precipitation value 79% of normal. Precipitation for March was 29% of average. Temperatures in the basin were 7 degrees above normal during March. Streamflow on the Spokane River was 78% of normal for March. April 1 storage in Coeur d'Alene Lake was 168,700 acre feet, 72% of normal.

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SPOKANE RIVER BASIN  
Streamflow Forecasts - April 1, 1992

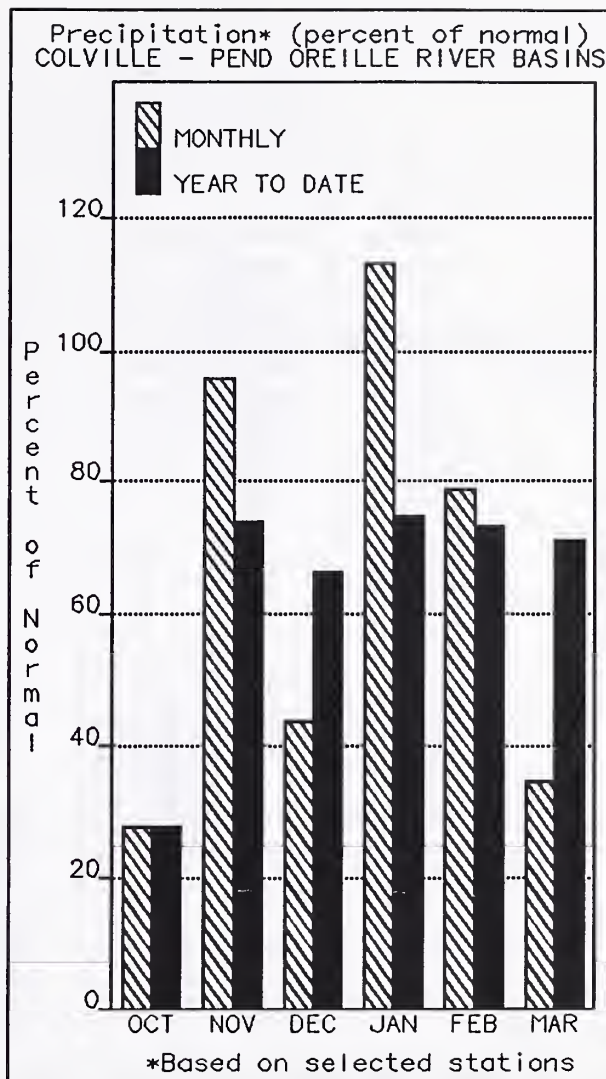
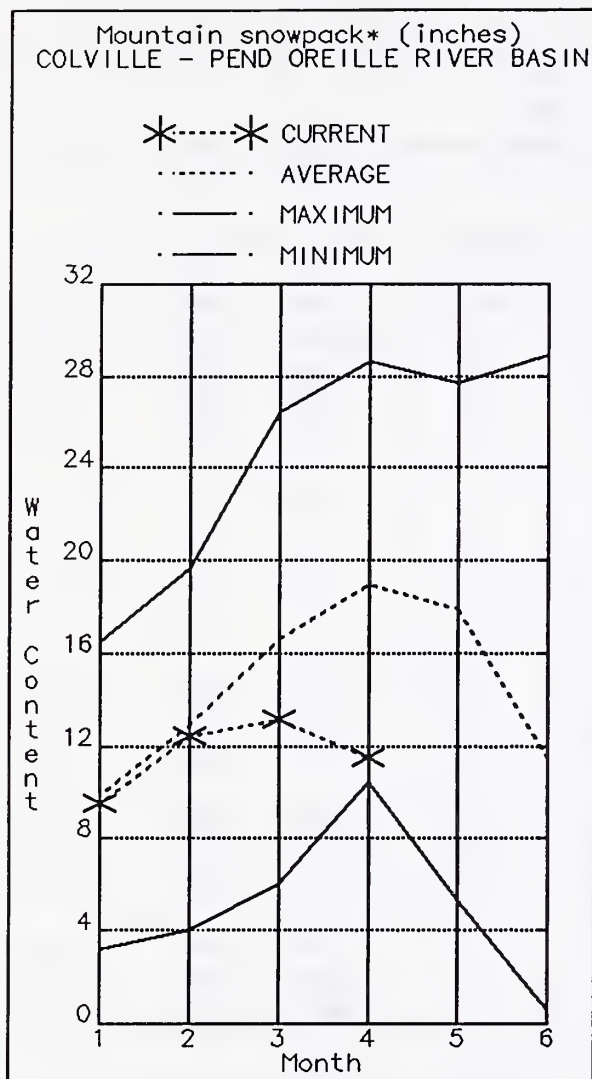
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		===== Chance Of Exceeding * =====						
		90%	70%	50% (Most Probable)		30%	10%	
		(1000AF)	(1000AF)	(1000AF)	(% AVG.)	(1000AF)	(1000AF)	
		=====		=====		=====		
SPOKANE nr Post Falls (1,2)	APR-SEP	780	1380	1650	61	1920	2520	2720
	APR-JUL	790	1370	1630	62	1890	2470	2627
SPOKANE at Long Lake (2)	APR-JUL	795	1300	1640	56	1980	2490	2937

SPOKANE RIVER BASIN Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of March					SPOKANE RIVER BASIN Watershed Snowpack Analysis - April 1, 1992			
Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage ***			Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of	
		This Year	Last Year	Avg			Last Yr	Average
MOEUR D'ALENE	291.2	168.7	182.2	234.3	Spokane River	17	60	58

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#### COLVILLE - PEND OREILLE RIVER BASINS:



April 1, 1992: April 1 snow cover is 66% of average on the Pend Oreille and 53% on the Kettle. Snowpack at Bunchgrass Meadow SNOTEL site was 23.0 inches of water. The average April 1 reading is 28.0 inches. Precipitation during March was 35% of average, bringing the water year-to-date to 71% of normal. March streamflow was 91% of normal on the Pend Oreille River, 126% on the Columbia at the International Boundary, and 188% on the Kettle River. The forecast for the Kettle River streamflow is 72% of normal, the Pend Oreille, 60% down from 77% last month, and the Colville River, 72%, down from 90% of normal for the summer runoff period. Temperatures were five degrees above normal for March.

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COLVILLE - PEND OREILLE RIVER BASINS  
Streamflow Forecasts - April 1, 1992

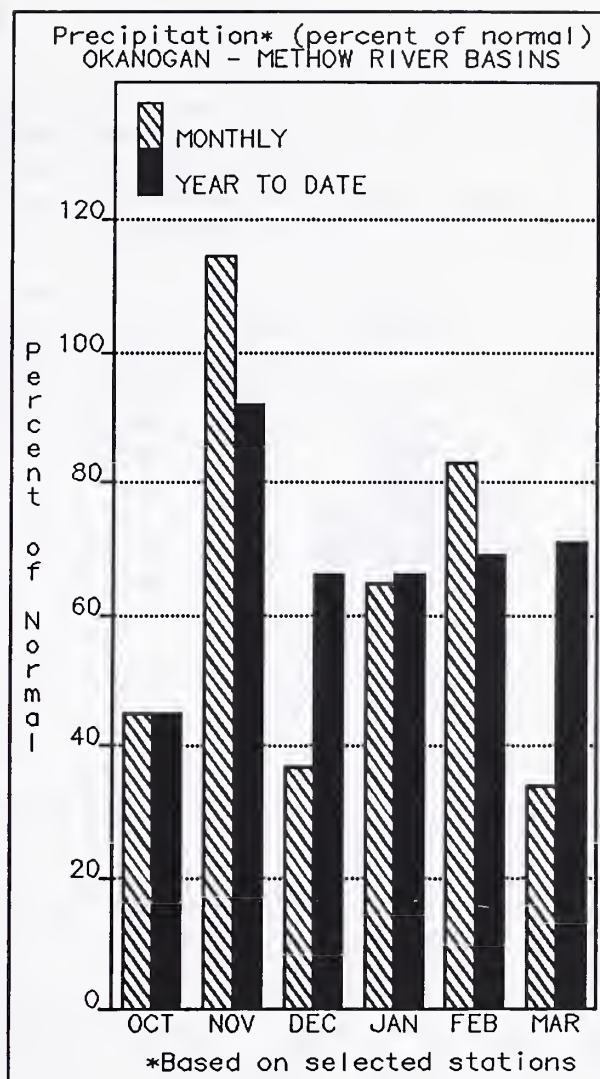
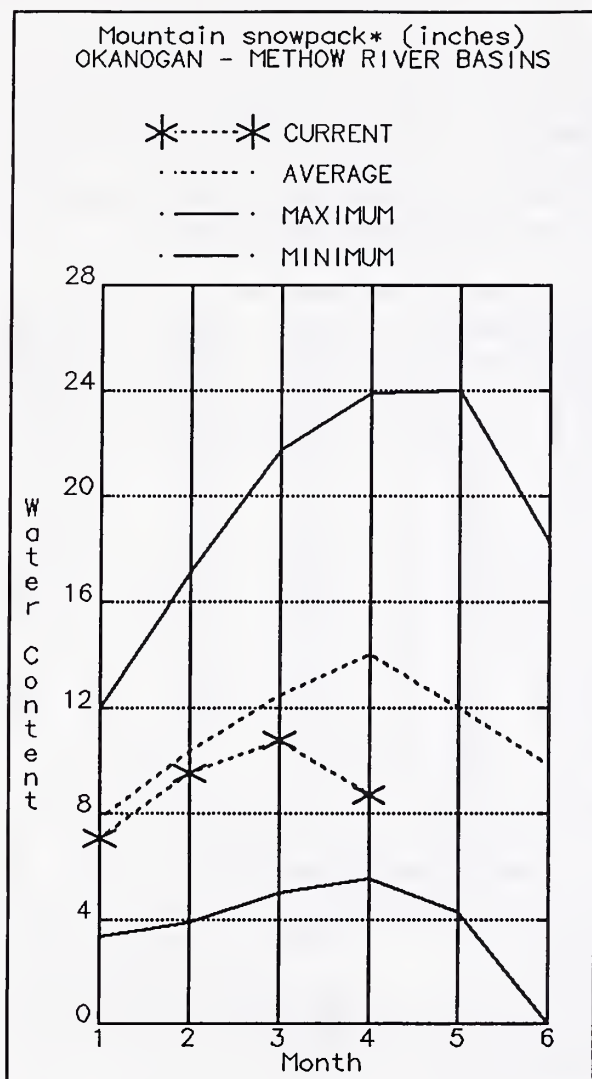
Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<===== Drier ===== Future Conditions ===== Wetter =====>>						30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
		Chance Of Exceeding *						
		90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (Most Probable) (1000AF) (% AVG.)		30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	
		=====		=====		=====		
PEND OREILLE bl Box Canyon (1,2)	APR-SEP	5840	7940	8770	60	9600	11800	14590
	APR-JUL	5610	7280	8040	60	8800	10500	13380
	APR-JUN	4850	6290	6940	60	7590	9030	11570
CHAMOKANE CK nr Long Lake	MAY-AUG	1.6	4.6	6.6	70	8.6	11.6	9.4
COLVILLE at Kettle Falls	APR-SEP	46	75	94	72	113	142	131
	APR-JUL	46	70	86	72	102	126	120
	APR-JUN	44	65	80	72	95	116	111
KETTLE nr Laurier	APR-SEP	810	1130	1340	72	1550	1870	1853
	APR-JUL	800	1100	1300	74	1500	1800	1760
	APR-JUN	720	990	1170	74	1350	1620	1585
COLUMBIA at Birchbank (1,2)	APR-SEP	31900	35600	37200	85	38800	42500	43810
	APR-JUL	25600	28500	29800	85	31100	34000	35140
	APR-JUN	18800	20900	21800	85	22700	24800	25670
COLUMBIA at Grand Coulee Dm (1,2)	APR-SEP	41300	47100	49800	77	52500	58300	64780
	APR-JUL	34500	39500	41700	77	43900	48900	54500
	APR-JUN	27300	31200	32900	77	34600	38500	42730

COLVILLE - PEND OREILLE RIVER BASINS Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of March					COLVILLE - PEND OREILLE RIVER BASINS Watershed Snowpack Analysis - April 1, 1992			
Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage ***			Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of	
		This Year	Last Year	Avg			Last Yr	Average
ROOSEVELT	5232.0	3934.9	2512.5	1586.0	Colville River	1	42	30
ANKS	715.0	678.8	608.0	583.0	Pend Oreille River	9	71	66
					Kettle River	9	48	53

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#### OKANOGAN - METHOW RIVER BASINS:



April 1, 1992: Summer runoff forecast for the Okanogan River is 61% of normal, down from 78%; the Similkameen River, 61%, and the Methow River, 72% of normal, down from 85%. Temperatures were eight degrees above normal for the month. April 1 snow cover was 62% of average for the Okanogan, and 76% for the Methow Basin. March precipitation in the Okanogan-Methow was 34% of normal, with water year-to-date at 71% of average. March streamflow on the Methow River was 176% of normal, 131% on the Okanogan River, and 202% on the Similkameen River, the highest in the state. Snow water content at the Harts Pass SNOTEL, elevation 6500 feet, was 39.9 inches. Storage in the Conconully Reservoirs is 16,900 acre feet, which is 72% of capacity and 113% of April 1 average.

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OKANOGAN - METHOW RIVER BASINS  
Streamflow Forecasts - April 1, 1992

		<<===== Drier ===== Future Conditions ===== Wetter =====>>							
Forecast Point	Forecast Period	===== Chance Of Exceeding * =====							
		90%	70%	50% (Most Probable)		30%	10%	30-Yr Avg.	
		(1000AF)	(1000AF)	(1000AF)	(% AVG.)	(1000AF)	(1000AF)		(1000AF)
SIMILKAMEEN nr Nighthawk (1)	APR-SEP	555	760	855	61	950	1160	1399	
	APR-JUL	530	720	810	62	900	1090	1304	
	APR-JUN	420	605	690	62	775	960	1113	
OKANOGAN RIVER nr Tonasket (1)	APR-SEP	405	810	995	61	1180	1580	1624	
	APR-JUL	395	750	910	62	1070	1430	1467	
	APR-JUN	370	640	765	62	890	1160	1234	
METHOW RIVER nr Pateros (1)	APR-SEP	435	605	680	72	755	925	942	
	APR-JUL	410	570	640	73	710	870	873	
	APR-JUN	340	480	545	73	610	750	746	

OKANOGAN - METHOW RIVER BASINS  
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of March

OKANOGAN - METHOW RIVER BASINS  
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - April 1, 1992

Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage ***			Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of	
		This Year	Last Year	Avg			Last Yr	Average
CONCONULLY LAKE (SALMON)	10.5	8.2	9.5	8.0	Okanogan River	26	53	62
CONCONULLY RESERVOIR	13.0	8.7	9.6	7.0	Methow River	4	60	76

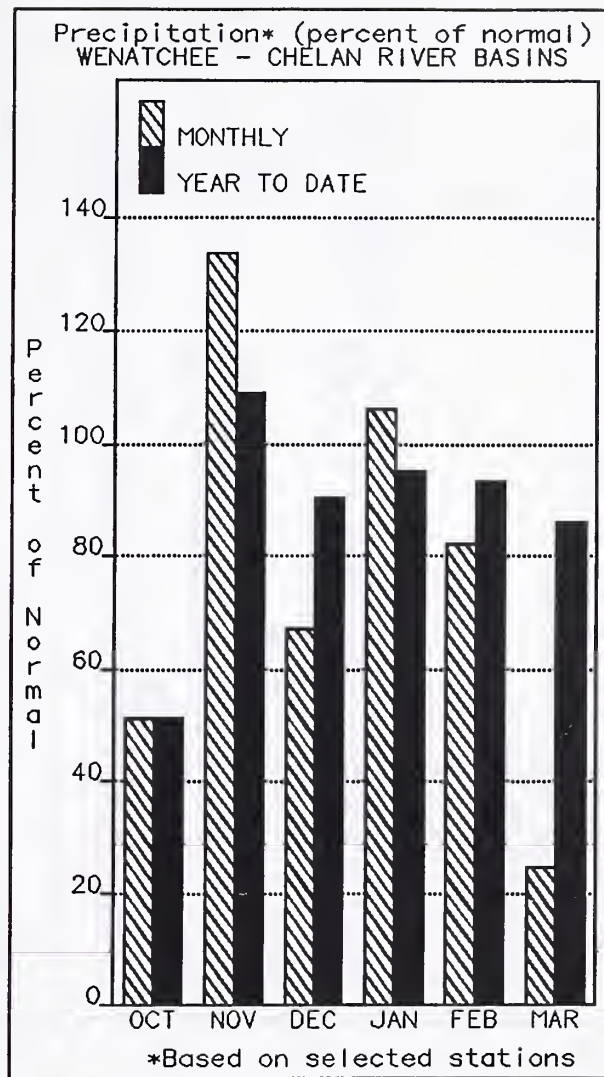
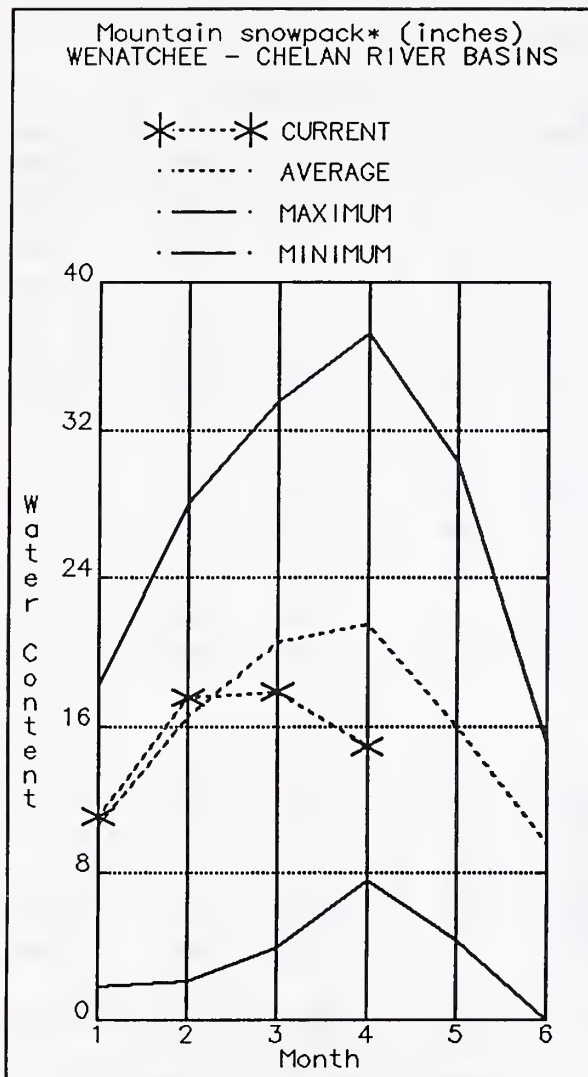
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#### WENATCHEE - CHELAN RIVER BASINS:



April 1, 1992: April 1 snowpack in the Wenatchee Basin is 57%; the Chelan Basin 98% and the Entiat Basin, 59%. Snowpack continues low along Colockum Ridge, with Stemilt Creek at 66%. Reservoir storage in Lake Chelan is 158,000 acre feet or 74% of April 1 average and 23% of capacity. Lyman Lake SNOTEL had the most snow water with 56.6 inches of water; this site would normally have 57.1 inches. Runoff for the Entiat River is forecast to be 88% of normal for the summer. Summer forecasts for the Chelan River are for 85%, Wenatchee River's runoff 82%, and 76% on the Squilchuck-Stemilt. Streamflow for March on the Chelan River was 165% of average and the Wenatchee River was 164% of normal. Precipitation during March was 25% of normal in the basin and 86% for the year-to-date.

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WENATCHEE - CHELAN RIVER BASINS  
Streamflow Forecasts - April 1, 1992

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<===== Drier =====		Future Conditions =====		Wetter =====>>		30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)	
		Chance Of Exceeding *							
		90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (Most Probable) (1000AF) (% AVG.)		30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)		
		=====		=====		=====			
CHELAN RIVER at Chelan (1)	APR-SEP	830	945	995	86	1050	1160	1160	
	APR-JUL	735	835	880	86	925	1030	1024	
	APR-JUN	510	640	700	86	760	890	812	
STEHEKIN R. at Stehekin	APR-SEP	640	695	730	88	765	820	827	
	APR-JUL	545	595	625	89	655	705	701	
	APR-JUN	420	455	480	89	505	540	538	
ENTIAT RIVER nr Ardenvoir	APR-SEP	158	183	200	88	215	240	227	
	APR-JUL	144	167	183	89	199	220	206	
	APR-JUN	120	138	150	89	162	181	169	
WENATCHEE R. at Peshastin	APR-SEP	815	1120	1330	81	1540	1850	1636	
	APR-JUL	735	1010	1200	81	1390	1670	1485	
	APR-JUN	600	825	975	81	1130	1350	1204	
STEMILT nr Wenatchee (miners in)	MAY-SEP	61	87	105	76	123	149	138	
ICICLE CREEK nr Leavenworth	APR-SEP	173	245	290	78	340	410	370	
	APR-JUL	157	220	265	78	310	375	340	
	APR-JUN	124	175	210	78	245	295	270	
COLUMBIA R. bl Rock Island Dam (2)	APR-SEP	45000	50500	54300	77	58100	63600	70410	
	APR-JUL	37800	42500	45700	77	48900	53600	59690	
	APR-JUN	30000	33700	36200	77	38700	42400	46980	

WENATCHEE - CHELAN RIVER BASINS  
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of March

WENATCHEE - CHELAN RIVER BASINS  
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - April 1, 1992

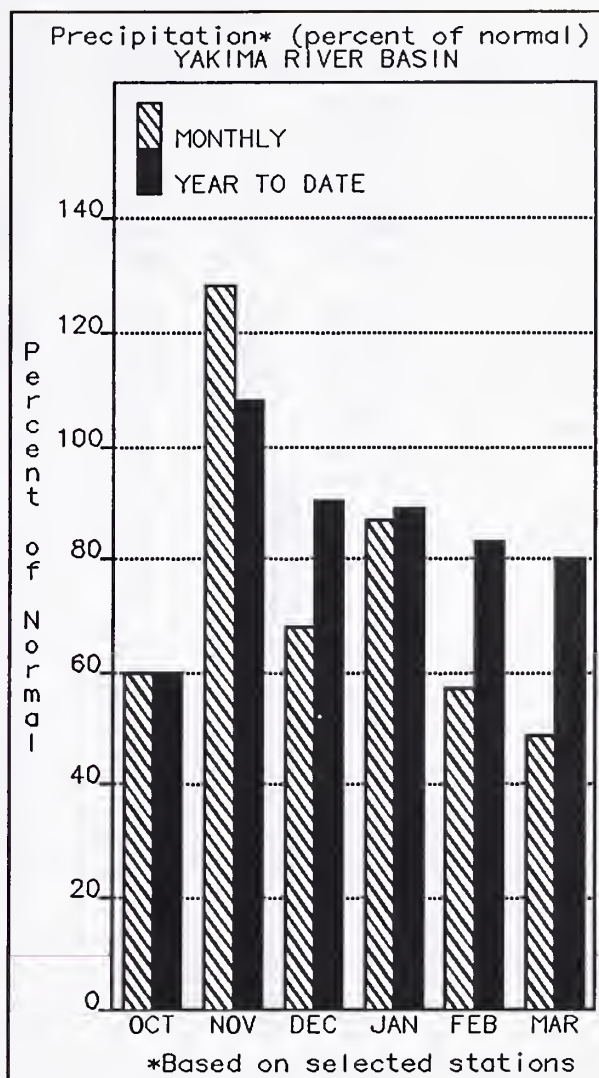
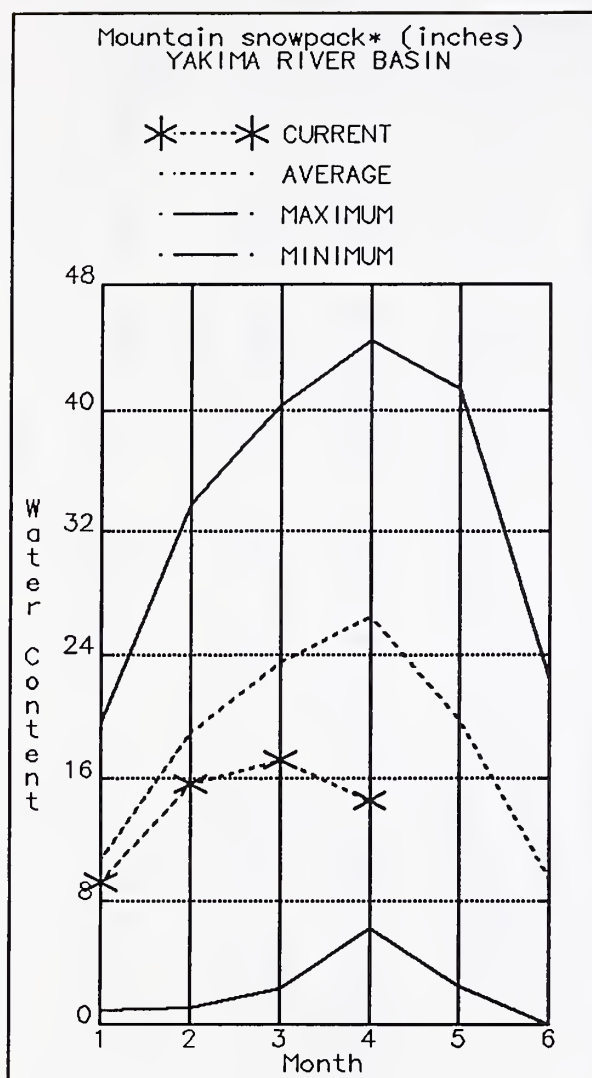
Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage ***			Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of	
		This Year	Last Year	Avg			Last Yr	Average
CHELAN LAKE	676.1	158.0	392.3	212.1	Chelan Lake Basin	4	64	98
					Entiat River	2	81	59
					Wenatchee River	10	57	57
					Squilchuck Creek	0	0	0
					Stemilt Creek	2	84	66
					Colockum Creek	1	88	44

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## YAKIMA RIVER BASIN:



April 1, 1992: April precipitation was 49% of normal and 80% for the water year-to-date. The outlook for irrigation water for the summer is fair with April 1 reservoir storage for the five major reservoirs at 816,400 acre feet, 110% of average. April 1 snowpack is 55% based upon 19 snow courses and SNOTEL readings. April 1 summer streamflow forecasts for the Yakima Basin vary throughout the basin as follows: the Yakima River at Cle Elum, 74 %; Naches River, 71%; the Yakima River near Parker, 70%, Ahtanum Creek, 83%, and Tieton River 70%. March streamflows varied with the Yakima River at Parker 120% of normal, 141% on the Yakima near Cle Elum, and 137% on the Naches River. Temperatures were five degrees above average for March. Volume forecasts for the Yakima Basin are for natural flow. As such, they may differ from the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation's forecast for the total water supply available which includes adjustments for reservoir operation and irrigation return flow.

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		<<===== Drier =====		Future Conditions		===== Wetter =====>>		
Forecast Point	Forecast Period	===== Chance Of Exceeding * =====						30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
		90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (Most Probable) (1000AF) (% AVG.)		30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	
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YAKIMA RIVER at Martin (1)	APR-SEP	80	92	97	72	103	115	135
	APR-JUL	74	85	90	73	95	106	124
	APR-JUN	66	76	80	73	85	94	109
YAKIMA RIVER at Cle Elum (2)	APR-SEP	585	640	680	74	720	775	915
	APR-JUL	530	580	615	74	650	700	832
	APR-JUN	455	500	530	74	560	605	721
YAKIMA RIVER nr Parker (2)	APR-SEP	1010	1240	1400	70	1560	1790	1994
	APR-JUL	930	1140	1280	71	1420	1630	1805
	APR-JUN	820	1000	1130	71	1260	1440	1597
KACHESS RIVER nr Easton (1)	APR-SEP	68	81	87	74	93	106	118
	APR-JUL	66	77	82	74	87	98	111
	APR-JUN	59	69	73	74	78	87	99
CLE ELUM RIVER nr Roslyn (1)	APR-SEP	280	325	345	77	365	410	448
	APR-JUL	260	300	320	78	340	380	409
	APR-JUN	220	255	270	78	285	320	346
BUMPING RIVER nr Nile (1)	APR-SEP	66	91	102	75	113	138	136
	APR-JUL	60	83	93	75	103	126	124
	APR-JUN	51	70	78	75	87	105	104
AMERICAN RIVER nr Nile	APR-SEP	78	85	90	76	95	102	118
	APR-JUL	73	80	84	77	89	95	109
	APR-JUN	62	67	71	77	75	80	92
TIETON RIVER at Tieton (1)	APR-SEP	97	144	166	70	188	235	237
	APR-JUL	85	126	144	72	162	205	200
	APR-JUN	69	101	116	72	131	164	162
NACHES RIVER nr Naches (2)	APR-SEP	420	520	590	71	660	760	832
	APR-JUL	385	480	540	72	605	695	755
	APR-JUN	340	415	470	72	525	600	651
AHTANUM CREEK nr Tampico (2)	APR-SEP	17.0	27	34	74	41	51	46
	APR-JUL	16.0	25	31	74	37	46	42
	APR-JUN	14.0	22	27	75	32	40	36

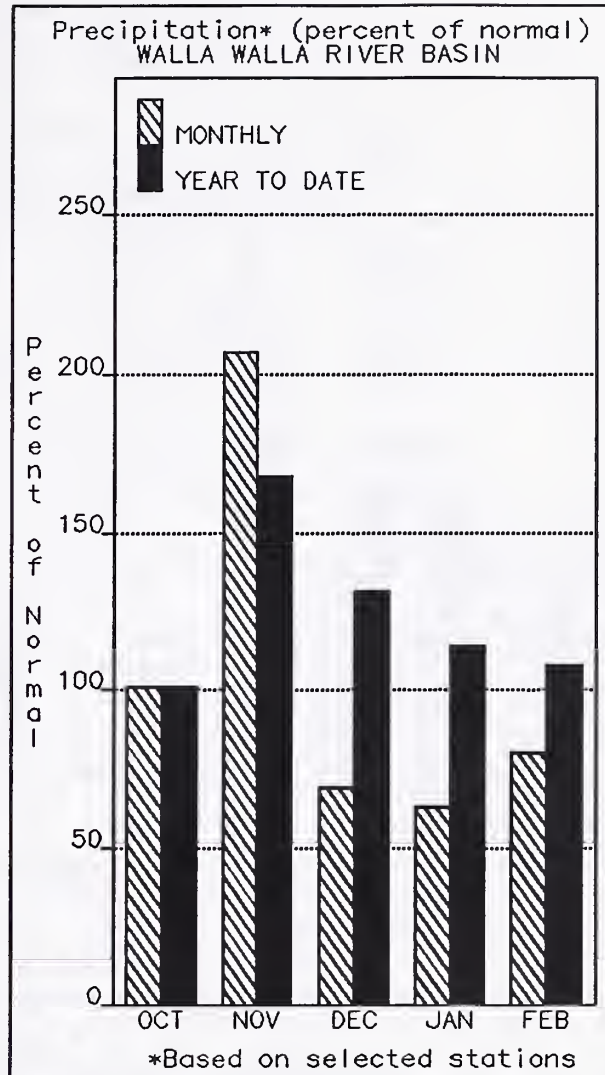
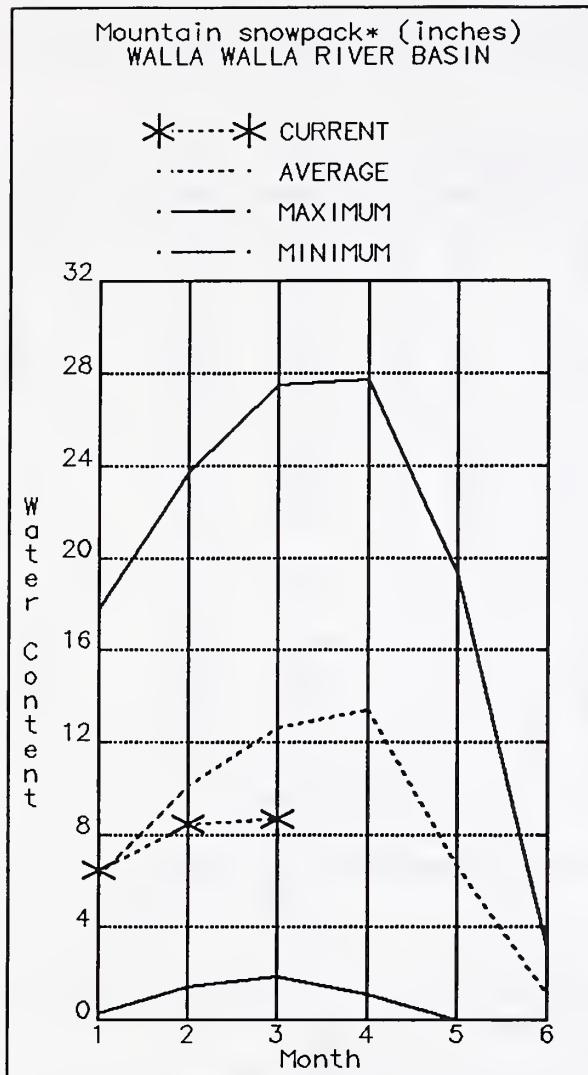
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Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage ***			Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of	
		This Year	Last Year	Avg			Last Yr	Average
KEECHELUS	157.8	131.6	139.7	110.0	Yakima River	19	60	49
KACHESS	239.0	186.4	216.3	187.0	Ahtanum Creek	2	81	62
CLE ELUM	436.9	354.4	406.4	290.0				
BUMPING LAKE	33.7	18.8	19.0	11.0				
RIMROCK	198.0	125.2	153.2	142.0				

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#### WALLA WALLA RIVER BASIN:



April 1, 1992: March streamflow was 39% of normal on the Walla Walla River, 63% for the Snake River, and 70% on the Grande Ronde River near Troy. April 1 snowpack is at 30%, down from 69% last month. March precipitation was 26% of average, bringing the water year-to-date precipitation to 99% of normal. The forecast is for 57% of average streamflow in the Walla Walla River for the coming summer, the Grande Ronde, 55%; Snake River, 54%, and 46% for Mill Creek. Temperatures were three degrees above average for March.

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WALLA WALLA RIVER BASIN  
Streamflow Forecasts - April 1, 1992

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<===== Drier =====		Future Conditions		===== Wetter =====>		30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)	
		Chance Of Exceeding *							
		90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (Most Probable) (1000AF)	(% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)		
		=====		=====		=====			
GRANDE RONDE at Troy (1)	APR-JUL	59	295	400	33	505	740	1214	
	APR-SEP	77	330	445	34	560	815	1312	
SNAKE bl Lower Granite Dam (1,2)	APR-JUL	5070	8450	9990	46	11500	14900	21650	
	APR-SEP	5870	9670	11400	47	13100	16900	24360	
MILL CREEK at Walla Walla	APR-SEP	1.9	5.5	7.9	46	10.3	13.9	17.1	
	APR-JUL	1.8	5.4	7.8	46	10.2	13.8	16.9	
	APR-JUN	1.8	5.3	7.7	46	10.1	13.6	16.7	
SF WALLA WALLA nr Milton Freewater	APR-JUL	24	29	32	60	35	40	53	
COLUMBIA R. at The Dalles (2)	APR-SEP	50400	59300	63900	65	69200	77100	98910	
	APR-JUL	43100	49800	54300	64	58800	65500	84710	
	APR-JUN	35000	40400	44100	64	47800	53200	68890	

WALLA WALLA RIVER BASIN  
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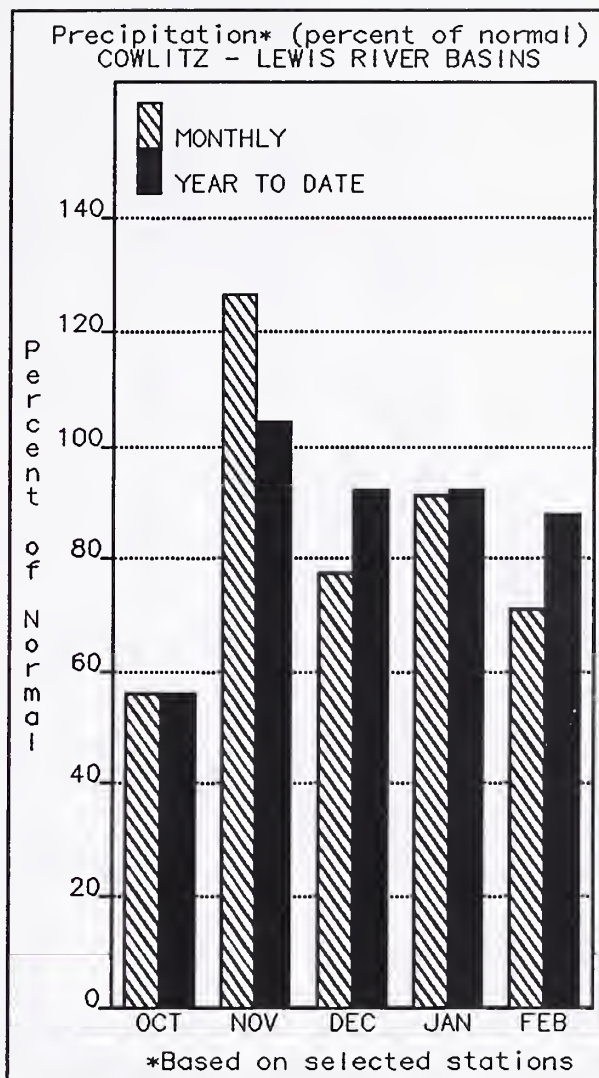
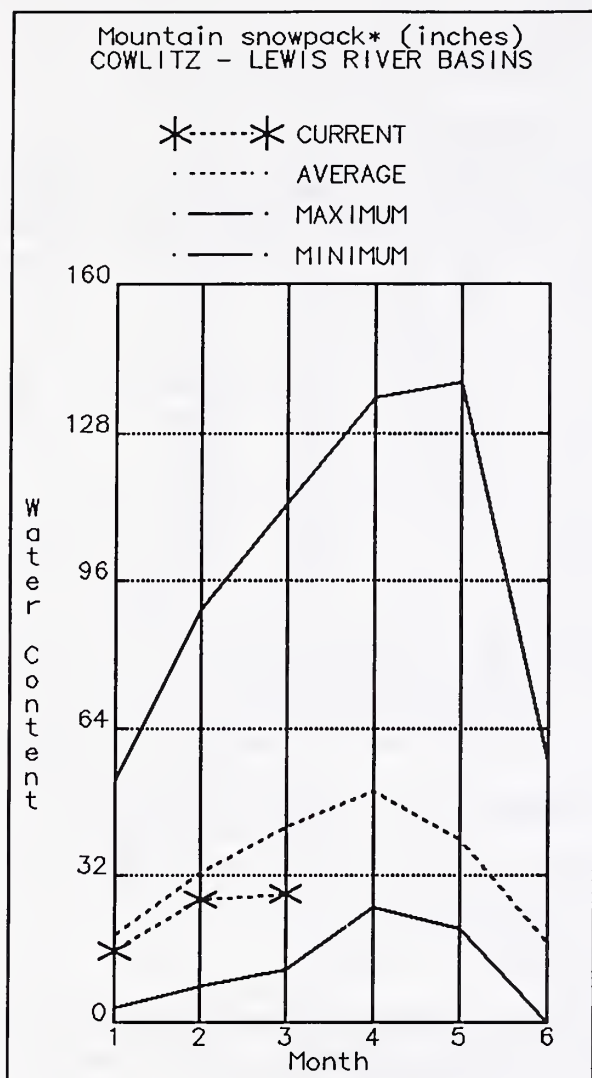
Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage ***			Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of	
		This Year	Last Year	Avg			Last Yr	Average
					Mill Creek	2	46	30

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### COWLITZ - LEWIS RIVER BASINS:



April 1, 1992: March precipitation was 23% of normal, bringing the water year-to-date precipitation to 80% of average. April 1 snow cover for the Cowlitz-Lewis River Basin is 49% down from 65% last month. The Paradise Park SNOTEL contained the largest water content for the basin with 53.3 inches of water. Normal April 1 water content is 62.5 inches. Forecasts for summer runoff in the Lewis River are 66%, and for the Cowlitz River, 68%. March streamflow on the Cowlitz River was 65% of average, and 50% on the Lewis River. Temperatures were five degrees above normal for March.

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COWLITZ - LEWIS RIVER BASINS  
Streamflow Forecasts - April 1, 1992

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<===== Drier ===== Future Conditions ===== Wetter =====>>						
		Chance Of Exceeding *						
		90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (Most Probable) (1000AF)	(% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
LEWIS RIVER at Ariel (2)	APR-SEP	465	665	800	66	935	1130	1204
	APR-JUL	410	580	700	67	820	990	1051
	APR-JUN	370	520	625	67	730	880	933
COWLITZ R. bl Mayfield Dam (2)	APR-SEP	510	980	1300	66	1620	2090	1970
	APR-JUL	450	860	1140	66	1420	1830	1731
	APR-JUN	385	735	975	66	1210	1560	1477
COWLITZ R. at Castle Rock (2)	APR-SEP	760	1330	1720	64	2110	2680	2667
	APR-JUL	665	1160	1500	65	1840	2340	2325
	APR-JUN	580	1010	1300	65	1590	2020	1995

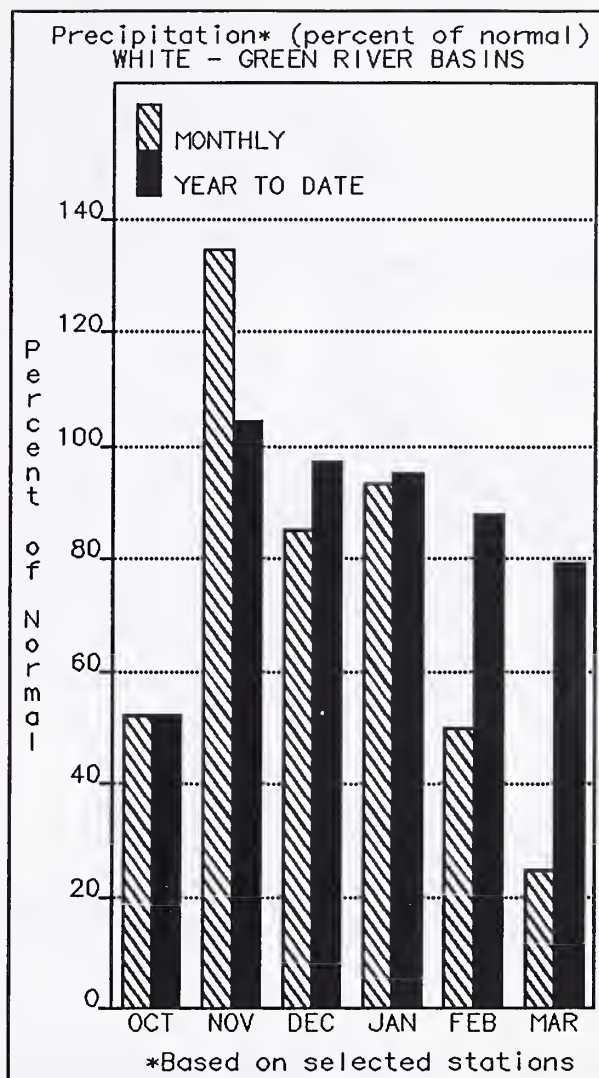
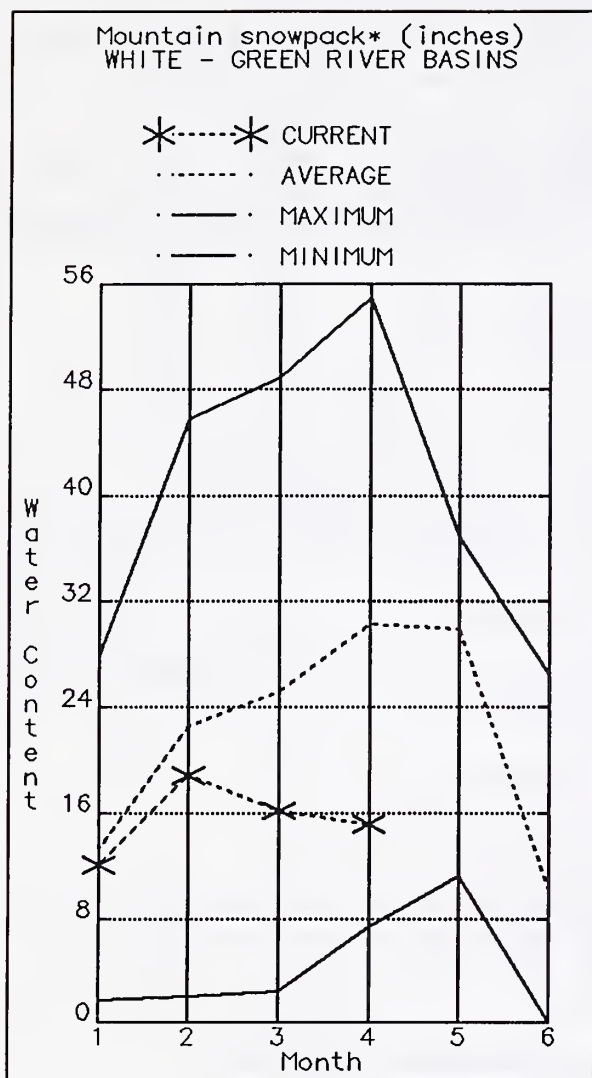
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Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage ***			Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of	
		This Year	Last Year	Avg			Last Yr	Average
					Cowlitz River	7	55	52
					Lewis River	4	29	17

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#### WHITE - GREEN RIVER BASINS:



April 1, 1992: Summer runoff is forecasted to be 77% on the Green River and 65% on the Cedar River. April 1 snowpack was 86% of normal on the White River and 27% in the Green Basin. Water content on April 1 at the Stampede Pass SNOTEL, at an elevation of 3860 feet, was 26.1 inches. This site has a April 1 average of 44.4 inches. March precipitation was 25% of normal, bringing the water year-to-date to 79% of average. Temperatures were five degrees above average for March.

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WHITE - GREEN RIVER BASINS  
Streamflow Forecasts - April 1, 1992

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<===== Drier ===== Future Conditions ===== Wetter =====>>						
		Chance Of Exceeding *						
		90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (Most Probable) (1000AF)	(% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
GREEN R bl Howard Hanson Dam (2)	APR-SEP	162	197	220	77	245	280	285
	APR-JUL	146	177	198	77	220	250	257
	APR-JUN	136	164	183	78	200	230	234
CEDAR RIVER nr Cedar Falls	APR-SEP	37	48	55	65	63	74	84

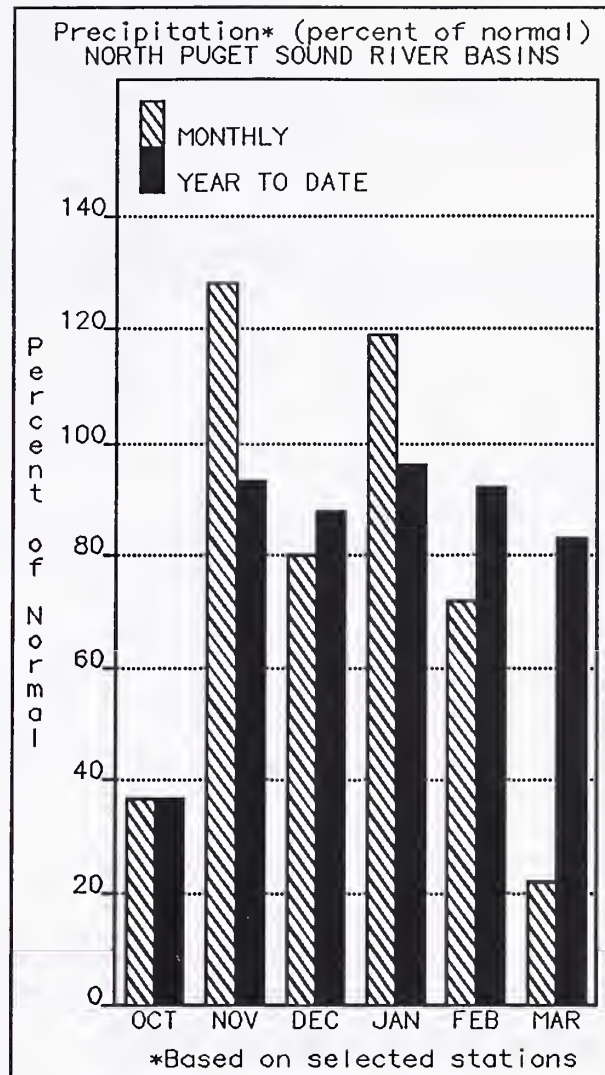
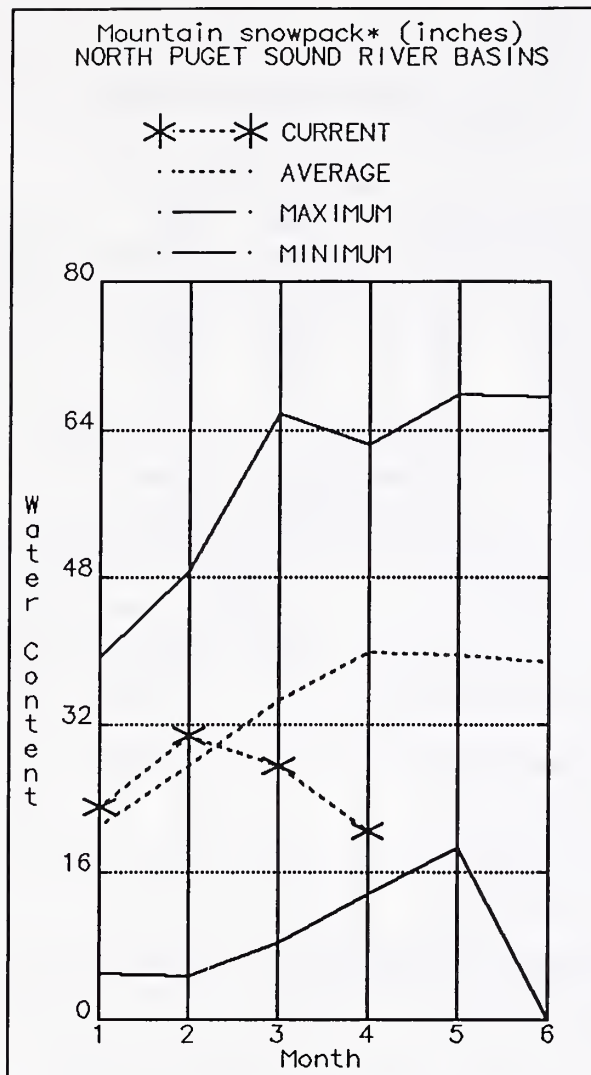
WHITE - GREEN RIVER BASINS Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of March					WHITE - GREEN RIVER BASINS Watershed Snowpack Analysis - April 1, 1992			
Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage ***			Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of	
		This Year	Last Year	Avg			Last Yr	Average
					White River	3	63	64
					Green River	7	33	27
					Cedar River	2	0	0

\* 90%, 70%, 30%, and 10% chances of exceeding are the probabilities that the actual flow will exceed the volumes in the table.

The average is computed for the 1961-1990 base period.

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### NORTH PUGET SOUND RIVER BASINS:



April 1, 1992: March streamflow in the Skagit River was 101% of average. Forecast for the Skagit River streamflow is 86% of normal for the spring and summer period. This forecast is down from 96% from last month. April 1 snow cover in the Skagit Basin is 74% of normal. Rainy Pass SNOTEL at elevation 4780 feet, has 40.4 inches of water content; normal April 1 water content is 38.0 inches. April 1 reservoir storage is above average, with Ross Lake Reservoir at 250% of normal and 53% of capacity. Precipitation for March was 22% of average with a water year-to-date at 83% of normal. March temperatures were five degrees above normal.

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NORTH PUGET SOUND RIVER BASINS  
Streamflow Forecasts - April 1, 1992

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<===== Drier ===== Future Conditions ===== Wetter =====>>						30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
		=====		Chance Of Exceeding *		=====		
		90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (Most Probable) (1000AF)	(% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	
=====		=====		=====		=====		=====
SKAGIT RIVER at Newhalem (2)	APR-SEP	1520	1730	1880	86	2030	2240	2185
	APR-JUL	1290	1470	1590	87	1710	1890	1830
	APR-JUN	1000	1140	1230	87	1320	1460	1410

NORTH PUGET SOUND RIVER BASINS Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of March					NORTH PUGET SOUND RIVER BASINS Watershed Snowpack Analysis - April 1, 1992			
Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage ***			Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of	
		This Year	Last Year	Avg			Last Yr	Average
ROSS	1404.1	745.7	630.8	298.0	Snoqualmie River	3	29	23
DIABLO RESERVOIR	90.6	86.8	86.2	---	Skykomish River	3	59	53
GORGE RESERVOIR	9.8	8.0	8.0	---	Skagit River	14	53	74
					Baker River	8	41	43

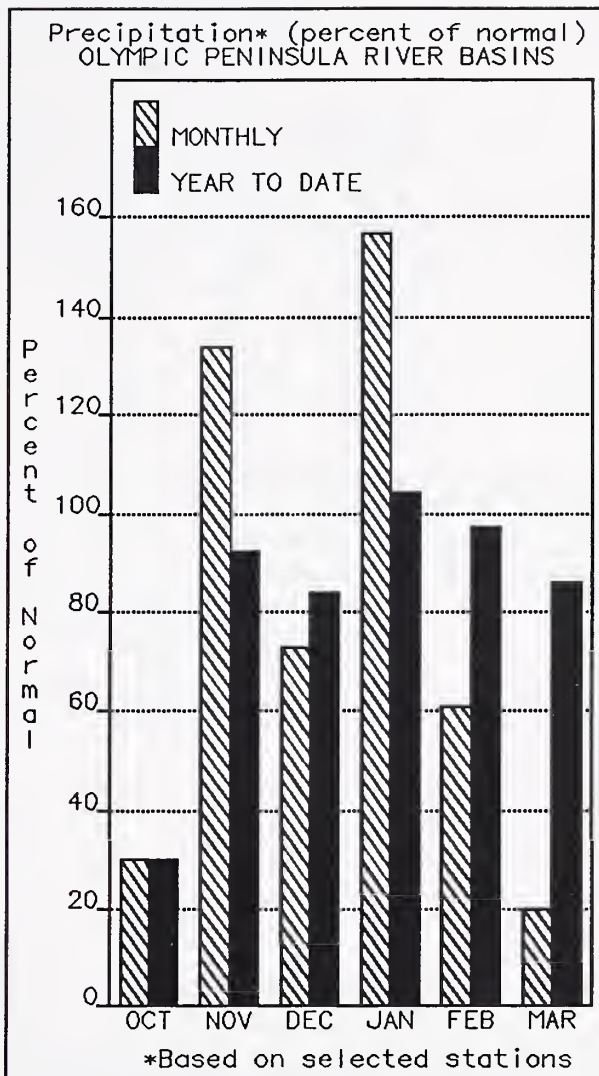
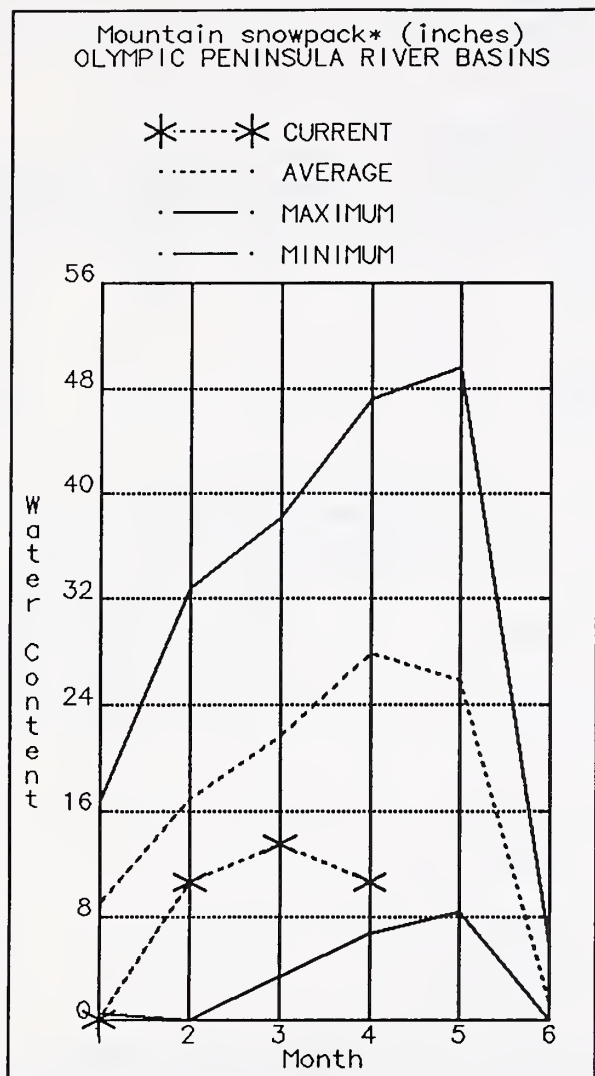
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## OLYMPIC PENINSULA RIVER BASINS:



April 1, 1992: March precipitation was 20% of average, with water

year-to-date precipitation accumulation at 86% of normal. April 1 snow cover in the Olympic Basin is below normal with the Elwah River at 3%, the Dungeness River at 33% and Morse Creek at 61%. April forecasts for streamflow in the basin are for 63% of average on the Dungeness River and 66% on the Elwha River. The Big Quilcene can expect much below normal runoff this summer. The Mount Crag SNOTEL near Quilcene had 12.6 inches on April 1, last year it had 13.1 inches. Temperatures were five degrees above normal for March.

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OLYMPIC PENINSULA RIVER BASINS  
Streamflow Forecasts - April 1, 1992

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<===== Drier ===== Future Conditions ===== Wetter =====>>						30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
		===== Chance Of Exceeding * =====						
		90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (Most Probable) (1000AF) (% AVG.)		30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	
		=====		=====		=====		
DUNGENESS RIVER nr Sequim	APR-SEP	75	90	100	63	110	125	160
	APR-JUL	66	78	86	66	94	107	131
	APR-JUN	47	56	62	66	68	77	94
ELWHA RIVER nr Port Angeles	APR-SEP	240	295	330	66	365	420	502
	APR-JUL	210	250	280	67	310	350	417

OLYMPIC PENINSULA RIVER BASINS  
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of March

OLYMPIC PENINSULA RIVER BASINS  
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - April 1, 1992

Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage ***			Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of	
		This Year	Last Year	Avg			Last Yr	Average
					Elwha River	1	5	3
					Morse Creek	1	80	61
					Dungeness River	1	49	33
					Quilcene River	0	0	0
					Wynoochee River	0	0	0

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